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- 25X1 1. In January 1947 the Tientsin branch of Torgpred received fifteen boxes of Soviet-printed books, amounting to one and a half tons. They were shipped via Vladivostok and Shanghai. [ ] note: The Soviets do not use their own vessels for shipping directly to Tientsin unless they have a full cargo for both inbound and outbound trips. Otherwise, they unload their cargo in Shanghai and have to transfer it to Chinese coastal vessels.)
- 25X1 2. The cargo of books was transferred to the Oriental Book Store with seals unbroken since the Chinese Customs allows books to enter duty-free. The Oriental Book Store was to keep twenty percent of the books and distribute the balance to selected Chinese bookstores in Tientsin and possibly in Peiping.
3. Twenty percent of the books in the shipment were printed in Russian and English and eighty percent in Chinese. The sale of these books required no cash on delivery. Instead, a small percentage of each week's sale is paid to Torgpred by the bookstore.
- 25X1 4. Efforts are being made by the Soviets to import considerably increased quantities of newsprint and paper of all sorts with the purpose of printing Soviet propaganda locally. [ ] note: There have been previous reports of the importation of newsprint and paper by the Soviets.) [ ]
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